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ETHIOPIAN RESUPPLY REQUEST (S/S 7505115)

REF: TOSEC 445

FOR AF- MULCAHY FROM SISCO

1. PRESS GUIDANCE LOOKS GOOD TO ME WITH SOME MINOR
CHANGES. I HOPE WE WILL STRESS PARTICULARLY THE POINT
THAT WE ARE WORKING ON A PARALLEL DIPLOMATIC TRACK TO
TRY AND GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED.

2. SUGGEST THAT IN ANSWER TO FIRST QUESTION YOU DELETE
WORDS QUOTE ON AN URGENT BASIS UNQUOTE AND QUOTE TO
REPLENISH ETHIOPIAN INVENTORIES. UNQUOTE. ALSO, YOU
MIGHT ADD WORD QUOTE TOTALLY UNQUOTE JUST BEFORE PHRASE
QUOTE UNRESPONSIVE TO THE MOST RECENT REQUEST. UNQUOTE.
WITHOUT BEING PRECISE I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY IMPRESSION,
WHICH IS TRUE, THAT WE ARE MAKING ONLY A MINIMUM
COMMITMENT AND NOT MEETING ETHIOPIA'S FULL REQUEST.
PERHAPS YOU CAN FIND SOME BETTER PHRASEOLOGY.

3. THE TIMING OF ANY PRESS STATEMENT IS IMPORTANT.
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ERITREANS PROMPTLY TO EXPLAIN HOW MINIMAL OUR RESPONSE

IS BEFORE IT IS MADE PUBLIC. YOU MIGHT CONSIDER DOING
SAME FOR KEY ARAB GOVERNMENTS.

4. ASSUME ANY NECESSARY CONTINGENCY PLANNING HAS
BEEN UNDERTAKEN FOR PROTECTION OF AMERICANS IN ERITREA.

5. LASTLY, I ALSO ASSUME PROPER BASES HAVE BEEN
TOUCHED ON THE HILL. I TAKE IT FROM YOUR REPORTING THAT
FASCELL'S REACTION WAS OK.
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